

POOLROOMS CLOSED TIGHT

AND TO-DAY THE BROOKLYN HANDICAP IS TO BE RUN.

**Soreheads Among the Gamblers Say This Is
a Tammany Dodge to Drive Bettors to
the Racetrack and Make Business Good
for Certain Friends of the Wigwag.**

Up was sent round to all the podiums early yesterday morning, and consequently for the first time in months New York's racetrack gambling dens were closed tight yesterday afternoon. The big and little, all were shut, and although it was not yet 11 o'clock, and even the opportunity to bet on the out-of-town races was denied the talent, as the room keepers apparently did not feel inclined to take chances by disregarding the mysterious order.

There was much surprise expressed at the closing of some of the larger rooms, especially those that are said to be run or backed by politicians. But there is no denying the favor of Tammany.

One of the few exceptions made was for the first time since the beginning of the present agitation were forced to turn away custom. And this is not the end, for it was said yesterday that the same conditions would be repeated tomorrow. Those who wanted to bet on the big handicap at Gravesend would have to go to the racetrack or huddle up some burlesque bookmaker.

"This is a pretty slick game," said one of the

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The local banks have received more than \$1,000,000 in gold coin by express from Philadelphia banks this week. The shipments were represented the transfer here of part of the business that the country banks had in the Quaker City banks. The out-of-town banks opened accounts with the Philadelphia banks when the local Clearing House rules charging for the collection of out of town checks were

have been and their "undercapital" condition have been increasing greatly lately. The money is useful to them here, but cannot be made much use of in Philadelphia. It is therefore being transferred here, where the out-of-town banks can draw bills of exchange against it. The Philadelphia banks have a New York exchange or paper currency to ship and so have shipped gold, and the New York

the rate of 40 cents per \$1,000. The transaction shows that while the check rules have diverted some accounts from this city the money from these accounts will eventually reach here as long as this city remains the money centre of the country.

4,000 Federal Appointments to Be Removed from the Classified List.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The forthcoming civil service order of the President was again discussed at the meeting of the Cabinet to-day.

document was practically ready for the President's signature. This order, as at present drawn up, will exclude about 4,000 out of total of 45,000 Federal appointments from the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission. In other words, the places of about 4,000

The principal classes of Government officials and employees to be affected by the order are Deputy Collectors of Internal Revenue, Deputy United States Marshals, private secretaries and confidential clerks and probably the employees of the Government Printing Office. A large number of employees who

OVER-OFFICIOUS TRUANT OFFICE
Abuse of the Compulsory Education Law

POUGHKEEPSIE, May 20.—Miss Ella Knapp, 14 years old, daughter of one of the most prominent merchants in this city, remained away from school yesterday to assist the Christian Endeavor Society of her church prepare for an entertainment. On her way

School building and was seen by her teacher and Truant Officer Doughty. The teacher, Miss Harriet Osborne, told the officer that the girl was absent from school, but as she had never been absent before it would not be necessary for him to act. On the street, however, Doughty met Miss Knox and told her she

inside and after telling Miss Osborne why she was absent, was promptly excused. She felt so badly about it that she became sick. Mr. Knox lodged a complaint against the truancy officer and says he will not send his child to public school as long as there is a law subject to such abuse as is the Compulsory Education law.

The Rev. Dr. Donald's Views on the Prospects of Lasting Peace.

Boston, May 20.—"The Movement for International Peace" was discussed by speakers at the dinner of the Massachusetts Reform Club.

"In spite of the fact that we agree that war is wrong there is a deep-seated conviction that it is a necessity, and hopes for peace are unbright. Our fighting instincts still exist. We are always ready for a dash, a flight."

there is no getting around it. The prospects for peace are better to-day than ever before in the history of the world. Arbitration is being discussed throughout the world; the spirit of peace has been awakened among all nations. Twenty-five years ago the present Peace Conference at The Hague would have been impossible.

WAS THIS BOY POISONED?

Leon Gussberg Dies After Eating Can Given to Him by a Stranger.

Leon Gussberg, the 10-year-old son of a de-

18th (about 347) Broadway avenue, Brooklyn died yesterday. The parents of the boy told police that on Thursday afternoon a stranger accosted the lad in the street and gave him candy. The boy ate the candy, and later became ill. His parents thought he had a stack of cramps and did not send for a doctor.

Leon continued to get worse, and early yesterday morning his father, summoned Dr. Adelman of 2609 Pittkin avenue. When the physician arrived the boy was dead. The doctor notified the police of the Brownsville station. They were unable to find any one who had seen a stranger give the boy candy.

Carpenter's Physician Newman made an autopsy on the body last evening. He discovered

gested, and it was possible, he said, that the boy's death was due to ptomaine poisoning. Dr. Newman removed the stomach for chemical analysis.

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